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SUBJECT: JCIC-XXXII: (U) OTHER PARTIES' STATEMENTS, JULY
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REF: A. STATE 76704
[1](#)B. STATE 76698

Classified By: Jerry A. Taylor, United States Representative
to the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission.
Reasons: 1.4(b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (U) This is JCIC-XXXII-007.

[1](#)2. (U) Meeting Date: July 17, 2008
Time: 10:30 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
Place: Russian Mission, Geneva

[1](#)3. (C) The texts contained in paragraphs 4 and 5 below are the official translations of the Belarusian and Ukrainian opening statements for JCIC-XXXII. Kazakhstan was not represented. The U.S. and Russian Representatives did not make opening statements, opting instead to begin the substantive work of the Commission. All Parties noted the absence of Kazakhstan, indicating that NRRC Notifications proposing the meeting of the JCIC had been sent to Kazakhstan. The United States sent a follow-up request (Ref A) to Kazakhstan, asking that they respond to the request for a meeting. Ref B provided Kazakhstan's acceptance of the meeting. In subsequent phone conversations with representatives at the Kazakhstani Mission in Geneva, we have been informed that Kazakhstan's designated representative is having difficulty getting a visa for Switzerland, and that the individuals in the Kazakhstani Mission are newly-arrived and not yet accredited in Switzerland. Hence, they will not be able to participate in JCIC meetings.

[1](#)4. (S) Begin text (Belarus):

Official Translation

Statement
by the Delegation of the Republic of Belarus
at the Plenary Meeting

of the Thirty-second Session of the
Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission

Geneva

July 17, 2008

Esteemed Mr. Chairman,

Esteemed Representatives, Heads and Members of the Delegations of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, the United States of America, and Ukraine.

The Delegation of the Republic of Belarus greets its START I Treaty partners as we begin the work of this Thirty-second Session of the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission.

In terms of its spirit and outcome, JCIC-XXXI was quite constructive and productive. We welcome the JCIC's adoption, based on the results of JCIC-XXXI, of Joint Statement Number S-28 on Changes to the Boundary of Kostroma ICBM Base for Rail-Mobile Launchers of ICBMs. We also express satisfaction with the agreement on conversion procedures and the manner of accountability for the one road-mobile test launcher of the RS-24 ICBM prototype and on verification procedures for the RS-24 ICBM prototype at the portal of the Votkinsk Machine Building Plant.

Esteemed Mr. Chairman,

The term of the START I Treaty is coming to an end; the Treaty is a most important disarmament mechanism that has contributed to easing international tension and helped to strengthen trust among nations and increase the overall security level. The Republic of Belarus is interested in preserving the verification regime for nuclear arms and is prepared for substantive discussion of this question as early as this session of the JCIC.

In considering the issues on the agenda of JCIC-XXXII, the Delegation of the Republic of Belarus is prepared to work constructively in order to help reach practical solutions to these problems.

Thank you for your attention.

End text.

15. (S) Begin text (Ukraine):

Official Translation

STATEMENT

by the Deputy Head of the Delegation of Ukraine
to the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission
at the Plenary Meeting of JCIC-XXXII

(July 17, 2008, Geneva)

Esteemed Mr. Chairman,

Esteemed Representatives, Heads and Members of the Delegations of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, and the United States of America.

The Delegation of Ukraine greets its START Treaty partners as we begin the work of the Thirty-second Session of the Joint Compliance and Inspection Commission.

At previous sessions the Delegations of the Parties failed to resolve the concerns over a number of problematic issues related to practical implementation of the obligations assumed under the Treaty. Therefore, at this session of the Commission we will have to consider a number of priority issues concerning the results of inspections, terms for counting SOAs, and procedures for their elimination and conversion.

For the Ukrainian side, agreeing upon and putting into practice economically viable procedures for eliminating the rocket motor cases of SS-24 ICBMs during the second phase of their elimination, after the solid fuel has been removed, remains one of the important issues. The relevant draft Joint Statement on the Elimination Procedures for Rocket Motor Cases of SS-24 ICBMs located in Ukraine was sent to the Treaty Parties through diplomatic channels during the intersessional period. We are counting on the readiness of the Parties' Delegations to finally complete the discussion of this issue at this session.

During the intersessional period the Ukrainian side's efforts were directed at preparing to carry out work under the second phase of the elimination of SS-24 ICBMs in accordance with JCIC Joint Statement No. 34. The establishment of the Rocket Fuel Elimination Facility at the

Pavlograd Chemical Plant is still not being funded by the U.S. and Ukraine is, therefore, independently endeavoring to dispose of the 5000 tons of rocket fuel not removed from the rocket motor cases located within the Pavlograd facilities.

To date, fuel has been successfully removed from three SS-24 ICBM staes - a third stage and two second stages - using the water washout method. The results of these operations once again confirm that the method selected for disposition of solid rocket fuel is correct. Work is underway on construction of an industrial facility - rather than an experimental one, as it was previously - for removal of solid fuel at the Pavlograd Chemical Plant.

In conclusion, we reaffirm that the Delegation of Ukraine is prepared to discuss all the items on the agenda of this session and expresses the hope that in the course of our work the necessary solutions will be found so as to resolve at least some of the accumulated problems concerning further implementation of the Treaty, as well as its fate after 2009.

We will address the individual issues on the agenda in greater detail as they are discussed during the session. If final agreements are reached on items on this session's agenda, the Delegation of Ukraine will be prepared to sign the documents that we hope will be agreed upon at this session.

Thank you for your attention.

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16. (U) Taylor sends.
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